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SUBJECT: CODEL HAMILTON

1. APPRECIATE HELPFUL EMBASSY COMMENTS ON INITIAL TELE-
GRAM ON CODEL HAMILTON. THIS MESSAGE CONTAINS MORE
DETAILED PROGRAMMING SUGGESTIONS FOLLOWING DISCUSSION WITH
CODEL MEMBERS. MISSION SHOULD NOTE THAT THE CODEL HAS
REQUESTED SEVERAL FREE SPACES IN THE PROGRAM. THIS
WAS DELIBERATELY DONE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THIS THOUGHTFUL
GROUP WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS AMONG THEMSELVES
THE IMPRESSIONS ON VARIOUS MEETINGS AND BRIEFINGS. IT
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IS NOT QUITE CLEAR WHERE THE CODEL WILL WISH SEPARATE
PROGRAMMING FOR WIVES. YOU SHOULD PLAN, HOWEVER, TO
INCLUDE WIVES IN AT LEAST ONE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING IN EACH
COUNTRY. CODEL WILL WELCOME INCLUSION OF OUTSTANDING
JOURNALISTS AND NON-OFFICIAL GUESTS IN ENTERTAINING
EXCEPT WHERE IN-HOUSE MEETINGS OR BRIEFINGS REQUESTED.

2. FOR CAIRO: CODEL WILL NOT OVERNIGHT LUXOR AND REQUESTS SEVEN DOUBLES INSTEAD OF FIVE DOUBLES AND FOUR SINGLES AT HILTON FOR THE ENTIRE STAY. WIVES WILL WISH PARTICIPATE IN MEETING WITH SADAT.

IT NOW LOOKS LIKE THE CODEL WILL ARRIVE APPROXIMATELY 6:00 A.M. ON JULY 6 AFTER FLIGHT FROM THE UNITED STATES WITH A STOP IN LUXEMBOURG ONLY TO PERMIT OTHER PASSENGERS TO DISEMBARK. PROPOSE THEREFORE TO HOLD JULY 6 FREE FOR RECOVERY FROM JET LAG EXCEPT FOR BRIEFING BY EMBASSY IN LATE AFTERNOON. THIS MIGHT BEST BE DONE OVER COCKTAILS AND A LIGHT SUPPER PERHAPS FROM 5:30 TO 8:00 P.M.

JULY 7: 8:00 A.M. DEPART HOTEL FOR VISIT TO SUEZ CANAL, RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AT SUEZ CITY AND PERHAPS CANAL HEADQUARTERS. SUGGEST SEPARATE PROGRAM FOR WIVES SOME OF WHOM MAY NOT WISH TO TRAVEL THIS DISTANCE.

1:30 P.M. - RETURN TO CAIRO FOR LUNCH. SUGGEST LUNCH WITH SOMEONE FROM ECONOMIC SIDE, KAISOUNI IF AVAILABLE. AFTERNOON FOR VISIT TO CAIRO BAZAAR.

7:00 TO 10:00 P.M. - DINNER WITH EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS AND OTHERS. SUGGEST CODEL DIVIDE INTO TWO GROUPS FOR SEPARATE DINNERS HOSTED BY EMBASSY OFFICIALS.

JULY 8: 8:00 A.M. DEPART HOTEL FOR LUXOR.

3:00 P.M.- RETURN TO CAIRO. ALTERNATIVELY FLY DIRECTLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FROM LUXOR TO ALEXANDRIA FOR EVENING MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT. OTHERWISE, EVENING FREE.

JULY 9: 8:00 A.M. DEPART HOTEL FOR ALEXANDRIA, IF MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT SCHEDULED FOR JULY 9, OTHERWISE LATER DEPARTURE IN WHICH CASE OTHER MEETINGS IN CAIRO AND/OR VISIT TO MUSEUM COULD BE SCHEDULED FOR MORNING JULY 9. CODEL WILL PLAN TO LUNCH ON PLANE AND ARRIVE IN DAMASCUS BETWEEN 1:00 P.M. AND 2:00 P.M.

3. FOR DAMASCUS: APPRECIATE OFFER OF BUFFET LUNCH, BUT IN LIGHT OF UNCERTAINTY OF ARRIVAL TIME BECAUSE OF POSSIBILITY OF MEETING SADAT IN ALEXANDRIA IN THE MORNING BELIEVE WISEST FOR CODEL TO LUNCH ENROUTE. SUGGEST INCLUDE WIVES IN ASAD MEETING IF POSSIBLE AND MAKE SEPARATE PROGRAM FOR WIVES ONLY FOR THE HALF DAY WHEN ASAD MEETING DOES NOT TAKE PLACE, PROBABLY MORNING OF JULY 10. IN LIGHT OF MINIMUM TIME SUGGEST WIVES' PROGRAM CENTER ON DAMASCUS OLD CITY.

SUGGEST BRIEFING BY EMBASSY UPON ARRIVAL EARLY JULY 9 AFTERNOON. HOPE KEY MEETINGS WITH SYRIAN OFFICIALS, PARTICULARLY PRESIDENT ASAD, CAN BE SCHEDULED FOR JULY 9 AFTERNOON. CODEL REQUESTS SMALL IN-HOUSE DINNER JULY 9.

SOME MEMBERS OF CODEL ARE UNDERSTOOD TO BE SEEKING MEETING WITH PLO LEADERS WHILE IN DAMASCUS. IT IS POSSIBLE THIS MIGHT REQUIRE THOSE MEMBERS TO TRAVEL TO BEIRUT MORNING OF JULY 10. FOR OTHER MEMBERS SUGGEST ADDITIONAL MEETINGS WITH SYRIAN OFFICIALS.

12:00 NOON - DEPART FOR AMMAN.

4. FOR BEIRUT: PRESENT SCHEDULE WOULD NOT BRING CODEL TO BEIRUT. IF CODEL MEMBERS FIND IT NECESSARY TO GO TO BEIRUT TO MEET WITH PLO LEADERS, WE WILL REQUEST EMBASSY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO ATTEMPT TO MAKE APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT SARKIS TO JUSTIFY THE VISIT.

5. FOR AMMAN: STAFFERS WILL SHARE DOUBLE ROOMS. THIS MEANS INTERCONTINENTAL RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE FOR SEVEN DOUBLES FOR CODEL.

IF DAMASCUS SCHEDULE HOLDS UP, CODEL WOULD ARRIVE AMMAN APPROXIMATELY 1:00 P.M. SUGGEST POSSIBILITY OF BRIEFING DURING LUNCH FOLLOWED BY MEETINGS IN AFTERNOON PER YOUR SUGGESTIONS. WIVES WILL CERTAINLY WISH TO ACCOMPANY TO MEETING WITH KING HUSAYN, BUT OTHERWISE WILL WISH SEPARATE PROGRAM ALONG LINES YOU OUTLINED, PERHAPS JERASH IF TIME AVAILABLE.

7:00 TO 10:00 P.M. - CODEL ACCEPTS SUGGESTION OF DINNER HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR PICKERING, BUT URGES GUEST LIST BE KEPT SMALL.

JULY 11: MORNING FOR CONTINUING OFFICIAL MEETINGS.
NOON: DEPART AMMAN BY CAR FOR JERUSALEM VIA ALLENBY BRIDGE.

6. FOR TEL AVIV AND JERUSALEM: SUGGEST LUNCH JULY 11 IN JERUSALEM WITH BRIEFING BY EMBASSY AND CONSULATE GENERAL OFFICIALS EITHER DURING OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING LUNCH.

3:30 TO 6:30 P.M. - MEETINGS WITH ISRAELI OFFICIALS.
CODEL PARTICULARLY HOPES TO SEE BEGIN, DAYAN, WEIZMAN, YADIN AND PERES.

7:00 P.M. - DINNER WITH ISRAELI OFFICIALS, ASSUMING
ISRAELI GOVERNMENT WILL WISH TO HOST SOME ENTERTAINMENT
FOR CODEL. OR THIS COULD BE DONE JULY 13, BUT ONE OR
THE OTHER SHOULD BE LEFT OPEN.
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JULY 12: 8:00 A.M. DEPART JERUSALEM FOR FIELD TRIP TO
INCLUDE VISIT TO SINAI FIELD MISSION, THE GAZA STRIP AND
A KIBBUTZ, ENDING WITH IDF BRIEFING IN TEL AVIV FOLLOWED
BY COCKTAILS OR SMALL SUPPER AT EMBASSY ATTENDED BY
ISRAELI AND AMERICAN PERHAPS NON-OFFICIAL GUESTS. IT IS
POSSIBLE PART OF GROUP MAY WISH TO VISIT GOLAN HEIGHTS.
COULD TWO OR THREE MEMBERS OF CODEL BE SCHEDULED FOR THIS
AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE SINAI AND GAZA TRIP? ASSUME
GOI WOULD PROVIDE AIR TRANSPORT FOR EITHER OR BOTH.

NOT ALL MEMBER HAVE PREVIOUSLY VISITED ISRAEL. IF
SEPARATE GROUP GOES NORTH, THEY WOULD BE HAPPY TO VISIT
GOOD FENCE AS WELL AS GOLAN HEIGHTS, BUT GENERAL PRE-
FERENCE OF GROUP IS SINAI FIELD MISSION AND GAZA VISITS
RATHER THAN THE NORTHERN SWING UNLESS BOTH CAN BE DONE
IN THE SAME DAY.

10:00 P.M. RETURN TO JERUSALEM

JULY 13: 9:00 A.M. VISIT YAD VASHEM ISRAEL MEMORIAL
10:00 A.M. VISIT OLD JERUSALEM
1:00 P.M. SUGGEST LUNCH AT CONGEN TO WHICH WEST BANK
LEADERS WOULD BE INVITED
3:00 P.M. VISIT BETHLEHEM, PERHAPS CALL ON MAYOR OF
BETHLEHEM.
EVENING: FREE

JULY 14: 7:00 A.M. DEPART JERUSALEM FOR LONDON.

7. FOR LONDON: REQUEST RESERVATIONS FOR CODEL AT
CHURCHILL HOTEL ON PORTLAND SQUARE. CODEL WILL REQUIRE
SEVEN DOUBLE ROOMS FOR CONGRESSMEN HAMILTON, OOEY,
ROSENTHAL, MIKVA, KASTENMEIER AND WIVES, PLUS HOUSE
STAFFERS VAN DUSEN AND MAREK AND FSOS CHEEK AND
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